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3. A vaccine as claimed in claim 1 or 2 wherein the gene encodes a *C. difficile* surface layer protein, SlpA or variant or homologue thereof.
4. A vaccine as claimed in claim 1 or 2 wherein the peptide/polypeptide is a *C. difficile* surface layer protein, SlpA or variant or homologue thereof.
6. A vaccine as claimed in 5 wherein the chimeric nucleic acid sequence is derived from the 5' end of the gene, encoding the mature N-terminal moiety of SlpA from *C. difficile*.
8. A vaccine as claimed in 7 wherein the amino acid sequence of the chimeric peptide/polypeptide is derived from the mature N-terminal moiety of SlpA from *C. difficile*.
20. A vaccine for the treatment or prophylaxis of *C. difficile* associated disease, the vaccine comprising the mature N-terminal moiety of a surface layer protein, SlpA of *C. difficile* or variant or homologue thereof which is immunogenic in humans.
21. A vaccine as claimed in claim 20 wherein the N-terminal moiety of SlpA contains an amino acid sequence SEQ ID No. 1.
22. A vaccine as claimed in claim 20 wherein the N-terminal moiety of SlpA contains an amino acid sequence SEQ ID No. 2.
40. A chimeric nucleic acid sequence derived from the 5' end of the slpA gene encoding the mature N-terminal moiety of SlpA from *C. difficile* which is immunogenic in humans.
41. A chimeric peptide/polypeptide wherein the amino acid sequence of the chimeric peptide/polypeptide is derived from the mature N-terminal moiety of SlpA from *C. difficile*.

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## Name and origin of the protein

Protein name **S-layer protein [Precursor]**  
Synonyms **P100 protein**  
**Surface layer protein**

Gene name **Name: slpA**

Synonyms: **slb**

From **Thermus thermophilus (strain HB8 / ATCC 27634 / [TaxID: 300852])**  
DSM 579)

Taxonomy **Bacteria; Deinococcus-Thermus; Deinococci; Thermales; Thermaceae; Thermus.**

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## Comments

- **FUNCTION:** The S-layer is a paracrystalline mono-layered assembly of proteins which coat the surface of bacteria.
- **SUBUNIT:** Forms trimers in the presence of calcium.
- **SUBCELLULAR LOCATION:** Cell wall. This bacterium is covered by a S-layer with hexagonal symmetry.
- **SIMILARITY:** Contains 1 SLH (S-layer homology) domain.

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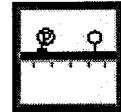
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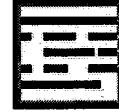
### Keywords

Cell wall; S-layer; Signal.

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Abstract Text (1):

CHG DATE=19991102 STATUS=0>This invention relates to a DNA molecule encoding a polypeptide responsible of binding to human and/or animal epithelial cell types. It has been found that various fragments of S-layer protein SlpA of *Lactobacillus brevis* has adhesive properties to epithelial cells types. It is possible to modify or improve the binding capacity of various prokaryotic or eucaryotic cells to human and/or animal epithelial cell types, like intestinal, urogenital and/or endothelial cell types by using lactobacillar surface structures of this invention. In particular, it is possible with the nucleotide sequences of this invention to improve the binding properties of a host cell having probiotic effects to human and/or animal epithelial cell types.

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